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Hon. Brenda K. Sannes
Chief U.S. District Judge
Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
P.O. Box 7336
Syracuse NY 13261-7336

Re: *Gazzola, et al. v. Hochul, et al.*
Index No.: 1:22-cv-1134

Dear Chief Judge Sannes:

The deadline for the State Defendants' responsive pleadings is calendared for February 29, 2024. However, the State Defendants are still in the process of gathering data that they intend to include with their Answer and respectfully request a three-week extension to file their Answer.

Plaintiff's attorney objects to this request. The State Defendants wish to note that the initial Rule 16 conference is scheduled for April 9, 2024, which allows for a responsive pleading well before the initial conference and mandatory disclosure deadlines. Further, the State Defendants have never objected to any of Plaintiff's several requests for extensions of time throughout the course of this litigation.

Respectfully,

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